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27.	Vadodara-Gorva	E-10B	2000
28.	Surender Nagar	E-10B, RLU	750
29.	Vadodara-Koyali	"	250
30.	Vadodara-Fatehganj	"	1000
31.	Vadodara-Panigate	"	1000
32.	Cambay	C-DOT	500
33.	Kadi	PRX	72

Modernisation of Automatic Exchanges in Bihar

912. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of digital trunk and automatic exchanges modernised in Dumka, Godda, Deodhar, Banka and Jamui districts of Bihar;

(b) the number of STD telephones set in order and the number of new STD telephones installed;

(c) the procedure of providing STD/ISD and PCO facility in rural areas;

(d) the number of solar energy telephones set up in rural areas of above districts which are functioning; and

(e) the number of such telephones proposed to be installed?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) There are no digital trunk exchanges in Dumka, Godda, Deodhar, Banka and Jamui District of Bihar.

The number of automatic exchanges modernised in above Districts is given below :

Dumka : 13; Godda : 8; Deodhar : 7; Banka : 10 and Jamui : 11 only.

(b) The performance of the STD payphones is closely monitored. The number of STD payphones installed in the places mentioned above are :

Dumka : 32; Godda : 10; Deodhar : 67; Banka : 5 and Jamui : 9.

(c) The STD/ISD payphones are allotted on the basis of the recommendations of a Committee set up for the purpose. Village PCOs are installed in places easily accessible to the Public.

(d) Number of Solar energy telephones set up in rural areas districtwise which are functioning are :-

Dumka : 95; Godda : 24; Deodhar : 20; Banka : 129 and Jamui : 90.

(e) The number of solar energy telephones proposed to be installed districtwise during 1996-97 are :

Dumka : 12; Godda : 7; Deodhar : 24; Banka : 102 and Jamui : 12.

Introduction of Another Express Train Between Kanniyakumari and Chennai

913. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received representations from the public as well as various organisations requesting for introduction of one more Express train between Kanniyakumari and Chennai to enable passengers to reach Chennai in time to catch different trains for Northern, Western and Eastern parts of the country;

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be introduced; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Some representations have been received in this regard.

(b) There is no such proposal at present.

(c) Due to operational and resource constraints.

[Translation]

Increase in the Relay Capacity of Jaipur Doordarshan Kendra

914. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the relay capacity of Jaipur Doordarshan Kendra, Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be increased;

(c) whether the programmes of the Jaipur Doordarshan Kendras can be viewed in the entire State; and

(d) if not, the efforts being made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b) There is no proposal, at present, to increase the power of the existing High Power TV Transmitter (HPT) at Jaipur.

(c) and (d) Whereas the regional service originating from Doordarshan Kendra, Jaipur is available throughout the country including the entire State of Rajasthan, via satellite, by using an appropriate dish antennae system, the service is being relayed terrestrially by all the HPTs and LPTs in the State.